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INFO: Chief of Base,

Support/Finance Minimum First Class Accommodations on American President Lines

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Comptroller General Decision B-80425

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Standardized Government Travel Regulations Para 13b(1) and (2)

 In reply to the specific questions raised by Reference (a) paragraph 3, you are advised that:

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a. A certification by a Station or Base Chief relative to the suitability of an employee's travel could not be acceptable by headquarters, since it is the traveler's responsibility to utilize the lowest first-class accommodations available at the time the reservation is made.

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Standardized Civilian Government Travel Regulations, paragraph 13b (1) and (2) and Comptroller General Decision B-80425 Volume 29, page 399, are quite specific relative to steamship accommodations. In those instances where the traveler utilizes better than the lowest priced space on a vessel, it is incumbent upon him to ascertain that he has the minimum first class available at the time his reservation was made. A certification to this effect, by the traveler on his travel voucher, would be acceptable.

- b. A certification from APL would be acceptable provided it is based upon availability of first-class accommodations and not suitability of space.
- c. As outlined in the regulations cited in paragraph la above, the definition of "minimum first-class" is the lowest first-class accommodation available at the time the reservation is made.
- d. Discretionary authority cannot be granted to any for the purchasing of accommodations other than on a minimum first-class available basis, as outlined in Reference (d). The Gentral Processing Branch reserves sea space on a "minimum first-class available" basis.

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